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INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, LY BR

SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: LIBYAN NATIONALIZATION ACTIONS

EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING REPORT FROM CONGEN RIO:

1. OCT 1 JORNAL DO BRASIL CARRIED LEGAL NOTICE OF ESSO STANDARD LIBYA, IATOMN AND ESSO SIRTE INC. RE STATUS ITS CONCESSIONS WITH LIBYAN GOVT. NOTES THAT CONCESSIONS AWARDED TO COMPANIES GIVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS TO PRODUCTION, EXPORTING, AND OTHER ACTIONS RE CRUDE PETROLEUM, NATURAL GAS, AND OTHER HYDROCARBONS. UNILATERAL ACTION OF LIBYAN GOVT IN SEEKING BY DECREE OF SEP 1 TO TRANSFER THESE RIGHTS TO NATIONAL OIL CO OF LIBYA IS BOTH VIOLATIONS OF CONCESSIONS AND OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. COMPANIES CONSIDER THEIR RIGHTS STILL IN FORCE AND THAT NO OTHER COMPANY HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPORT OR SELL ANY OF THE PRODUCT. NOTICE CONCLUDES THAT "EACH OF THE COMPANIES INTENDS TO TAKE THE MEASURES WHICH IT CONSIDERS JUST TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE ITS RIGHTS AGAINST THOSE WHO, THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF

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CRUDE OR OTHER HYDROCARBONS, OR THROUGH THE NEGOTIATIONS

OR CONCLUSION OF A CONTRACT RELATING TO THE CONCESSIONS,
OR IN ANY OTHER WAY, INTERFERE OR TRY TO INTERFERE WITH
THESE RIGHTS OR INTENDS TO CAUSE MORE INFRACTIONS."

2. LOCAL ESSO REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED THAT THIS NOTICE
WAS NOT PLACED THROUGH ESSO BRASIL AND THAT HE HAD NOT
BEEN INFORMED IN ADVANCE. HE JUDGED IT PRIMARILY A
PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE. HE DID APPEAR SOMEWHAT CONCERNED
THAT ANY ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT EVENTUALLY BE TAKEN BY HOME
OFFICES AGAINST PETROBRAS COULD CONCEIVABLY COME BACK
ON LOCAL OPERATIONS BUT HE HAD NO RPT NO FORECAST OF ANY
SPECIFIC POSSIBILITIES IN THIS REGARD.
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